

- (3) Contract with a recycler that is certified as adhering to Responsible Recycling ('R2') practices or that is certified as an e-Steward recycler adhering to the e-Stewards Standard for Responsible Recycling and Reuse of Electronic Equipment® to process the discarded computer equipment, televisions, and other electronic devices that the unit of local government collects.

(d) Local Government Designation. – If more than one unit of local government in a county, including the county itself, requests funding pursuant to this section, the units of local government in question may: (i) enter into interlocal agreements for provision of services concerning disposal of discarded computer equipment and televisions, and distribution of funds received pursuant to this section among the parties to the agreement; or (ii) submit separate and distinct comprehensive solid waste management plans pursuant to G.S. 130A-309.09A, with the information set forth in sub-subdivisions a. through e. of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section. In the case of (ii), the Department shall distribute funds to the local governments determined to be eligible based on the percentage of the county's population to be served under each eligible local government's program.

(e) Report. – Information regarding permanent recycling programs for discarded computer equipment and televisions for which funds are received pursuant to this section, and information on operative interlocal agreements executed in conjunction with funds received, if any, shall be included in the annual report required under G.S. 130A-309.09A.

**"§ 130A-309.138. Responsibilities of the Department.**

In addition to its other responsibilities under this Part, the Department shall:

- (1) Develop and maintain a current list of manufacturers that are in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 130A-309.134 and G.S. 130A-309.135, post the list to the Department's Web site, and provide the current list to the Office of Information Technology Services each time that the list is updated.
- (2) Develop and implement a public education program on the laws governing the recycling and reuse of discarded computer equipment and televisions under this Part and on the methods available to consumers to comply with those requirements. The Department shall make this information available on the Internet and shall provide technical assistance to manufacturers to meet the requirements of G.S. 130A-309.134(c)(1)e. The Department shall also provide technical assistance to units of local government on the establishment and operation of discarded computer equipment and television collection centers and in the development and implementation of local public education programs.
- (3) Maintain the confidentiality of any information that is required to be submitted by a manufacturer under this Part that is designated as a trade secret, as defined in G.S. 66-152(3) and that is designated as confidential or as a trade secret under G.S. 132-1.2.
- (4) The Department shall use national televisions sales data available from commercially available analytical sources to calculate the generation of discarded televisions and to determine each television manufacturer's recovery responsibilities for televisions based on the manufacturer's market share. The Department shall extrapolate data for the State from national data on the basis of the State's share of the national population.

**"§ 130A-309.139. Enforcement.**

This Part may be enforced as provided by Part 2 of Article 1 of this Chapter.

**"§ 130A-309.140. Annual report.**

No later than January 15 of each year, the Department shall submit a report on the recycling of discarded computer equipment and televisions in the State under this Part to the Environmental Review Commission. The report must include an evaluation of the recycling rates in the State for discarded computer equipment and televisions, a discussion of compliance